

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**Original Application**

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As a below named inventor, I declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration, that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201 et seq., of the invention entitled: ASSEMBLING BIPOLAR PLATES which is described and claimed in:

[ x ] the attached specification or  
[ ] the specification in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable),

that I acknowledge a duty to disclose information I am aware of which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below and that as to applications for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, the earliest filed foreign application(s) filed within twelve months prior to the earliest date of filing date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below and all foreign applications filed more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this application are identified at 600 and, as required, 601 below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.  
Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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